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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Welland, ON** – The City of Welland now joins other international cities including: Shanghai, Dubai, London, Johannesburg, Los Angeles, and Buenos Aires in receiving the highest level of open data certification from the World Council on City Data (WCCD).

Tomorrow, Dr. Patricia McCarney, President and CEO of the WCCD, will make an appearance at Welland Civic Square, along with James Patava, V.P. of Public Affairs & International Relations, to present the highest level of ISO 37120 certification to Mayor Frank Campion, Council, and city staff. The details are as follows:

- WHO:** WCCD Officials, Mayor Frank Campion, City Council, and city staff will be in attendance.
- WHAT:** Welland will receive platinum ISO certification from WCCD
- WHERE:** Council Chambers, Welland Civic Square, 60 East Main Street, Welland Ontario.
- WHEN:** Nov. 13, 2018, at noon.
- WHY:** Welland reported 95 out of the 100 indicators. Open data indicators range from Fire and Emergency Response to Recreation.

Welland also joins 10 other Canadian cities in compliance with the ISO 37120 Sustainable Development of Communities: Indicators for City Services and Quality of Life international certification. With a broad inventory of open data and association with the WCCD, the city is now able to compare best practices on a national and international level with other award winning ISO cities.

Welland's Platinum Certification will support improvement of the delivery of services and information, connect Welland to a worldwide organization that uses standardized metrics to find innovative solutions, and grow the city's smart cities initiatives to better provide vital information to residents and stakeholders.

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